

# ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 26, 2005

2:00 P.M.



## MINUTES

### I. Welcome/Roll Call

The meeting is called to order at 2:05 pm. Willie Padilla was introduced as the committee member from District 2.

COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	
		Excused	Unexcused
Eric Reed, Dist. 3, Chairperson	X		
Vacant, Mayor's Appt.			
Olivia Chavez, Dist. 1	X		
Willie Padilla, Dist. 2	X		
Donald J. Seeley, Dist 4, Co-Chairperson	X		
Fred Gromand, Dist. 5	X		
Martin Wagner, Dist. 6	X		
Vacant, Dist. 7	X		
Ernesto Armendariz, Dist. 8			X
Bill Bennett, ADA Coordinator	X		
Martha Macias, ADA Interpreter		X	
Juan Gonzalez, ADA Secretary	X		
Ruby B. Ransom (Mr. Reed's Assistant)		X	
Steve Burman, Human Resources		X	
Sergio Reyes, Traffic Eng. Div.	X		
James W. Peterson, Sun Metro	X		
John Nance, City Attorney's Office	X		
Susan Leech	X		

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of March 31, 2005.

### III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

#### A. Audible Pedestrian Signal status

The final draft of procedures for installing Audible Pedestrian Signals Systems at Intersections was read for approval. Questions were raised about the method used to count the pedestrians use at intersections and the number of accidents involving pedestrians and vehicles. It was suggested that the width of crossing for intersections be changed to "45 to 64 feet and 65' and over. Legal suggested to have the width read "less than (45')", (45' to 65' ) and "more than (65') to prevent confusion. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the procedures as amended. Nine of the designs from the priority two and three intersections have been submitted. The nine intersections include: Mesa and Crestmont; Mesa and University; Lomaland and Rojas; Mesa and Sunland Park; George Dieter and Trawood; Yarborough and Vista del Sol; Yarborough and Pebble Hills; Oregon and University; and Oregon and Schuster. All of the equipment has been ordered for the 21 intersections. A ribbon-cutting event will be held when the two intersections near the Lighthouse (Washington and Paisano and Alameda and Boll) have been completed.

#### B. Goals and Objectives for the committee for this year.

A list of suggestions for next year's goals and objectives for the committee were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made to accept the following items for the goals and objectives.

1. Supportive Employment
2. Taxi Cab Ordinance
3. Sidewalk Ordinance
4. Sensitivity Training for City Employees
5. Completion of City Transition Plan
6. Placement of Accessibility Coordinator position under City Manager/Mayor
7. Visibility/Barrier Free Design Ordinance.

The motion was seconded to consider items, and passed.

**C. Establishing a Hall of Fame at the Multipurpose Center for the Individuals that have made a contribution to the advancement of people with disabilities in the City of El Paso.**

The establishment of a Hall of Fame location at the Multipurpose Center was discussed. If the Accessibility Advisory Committee accepts this, then the idea will be presented to Parks and Recreation Department for their approval. A joint committee could be formed with Parks and Recreation to establish the criteria for nomination to the Hall of Fame. A motion was made, seconded and passed to proceed with establishment of the Hall of Fame for the persons who have contributed to the advancement of people with disabilities.

**D. Formal complaints regarding ADA/Accessibility Compliance.**

None

**E. Plan Reviews**

**1. Public Access Facilities**

None

**2. Municipal Projects**

None

**F. Next Meeting Agenda, Date and Location**

The next meeting will be June 23, 2005 at 2:00 pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor conference room at City Hall.

**IV ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Sergio is now a dad
- Federal Access Board guidelines for the amended ADA Accessibility Guidelines are being reviewed and public comment is being accepted until May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

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**Eric Reed, Chairperson**

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**William Bennett, Accessibility Coordinator**